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IRAN: STUDENTS TO TURN OVER HOSTAGES TO REVOLUTION COUNCIL
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(TEXT) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY BY THE MUSLIM
STUDENT FOLLOWERS OF THE IMAM'S POLICY STATIONED AT THE DEN OF
ESPIONAGE:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE COMPASSIONATE, THE MERCIFUL.

GREAT AND ALERT IRANIAN NATION: AS WE INFORMED YOU, IN OUR
TWO RECENT STATEMENTS, HEROIC IRANIAN NATION, WE BELIEVE THAT
IN THE APPROACH TO AMERICA, WE SHOULD ACT FROM A DECISIVE AND
REVOLUTIONARY POSITION, AND SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE. THUS,
WE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
MEETING WITH THE HOSTAGES, WHICH IS SOMETHING IMPOSED BY AMERICA
AND WHICH IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE CRIMINAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
AND GREAT SATAN, BUT WHICH IS NOT WHAT THE IRANIAN NATION WANTS,
AND IS NOT EVEN THE TRUE WISH OF STATE OFFICIALS.

BUT WHAT CAN ONE DO WHEN THE OFFICIALS AND THOSE WHO ARE IN
CHARGE IN THE COMMISSION HAVE ACCEPTED THAT WHATEVER THE COMMISSION
WANTS MUST BE DONE. SINCE WE CANNOT BOW TO AND COMPLY WITH A
VIEW WHICH WE DO NOT ACCEPT AND WHICH WE DO NOT REGARD AS BEING
IN LINE WITH THE IMAM'S POLICY, BUT, SINCE THOSE IN CHARGE OF
GOVERNMENT ALWAYS REGARD OUR METHODS AS A FACTOR CONTRIBUTING
TO THEIR WEAKNESS--ALWAYS SPEAK OF A GOVERNMENT WITHIN A
GOVERNMENT--THUS, WE DECLARE TO THE REVOLUTION COUNCIL, IN ORDER
TO ALLAY ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, TO TAKE DELIVERY OF THE HOSTAGES,
THAT IS THE AMERICAN SPIES, FROM US TO DO WITH THEM ANYTHING
THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

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WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING WHICH DOES NOT BENEFIT OUR REVOLUTION AND WHICH THE ENEMY WANTS. WHILE REGARDING OUR RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE HOSTAGES AS AT AN END, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE IRANIAN NATION GENUINELY SUPPORTS THE IMAM'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE AND THAT IT WILL EVENTUALLY BRING BACK TO THE RIGHT PATH ANY DEVIATION AND ERRING WITH THE NECESSARY DECISIVENESS.

(SIGNED) THE MUSLIM STUDENT FOLLOWERS OF THE IMAM'S POLICY.

6 MAR 1155Z JCE/TN''''''

IRAN TASK FORCE COMMENT:

This is the first time that the captors have recognized the Revolutionary Council's authority to deal with the hostages and is a reversal of their stand that only Ayatollah Khomeini can determine the hostages future. In their statement and in telephone conversations with press sources in Tehran, the captors have said that they do not want to continue to be accused of being a "government withⁱⁿ a government." The captors announcement came immediately after Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh intervened with the members of the UN Inquiry Commission and persuaded them not to leave Tehran for Geneva today. We suspect that the captors announcement reflects intervention by Ayatollah Khomeini. ☐

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A student spokesman told AFP this morning that modalities for the turnover have not yet been arranged. The possibility of a further reversal by the captors thus remains. ☐

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